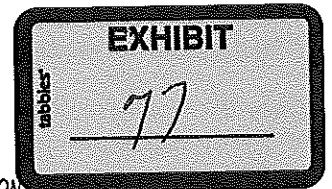


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Dear Mr. Stacey,

I am writing to you in response to information I have recently read about regulations that CT DEP is proposing regarding minimum flow requirements for every state river to protect them. I have heard that water companies and other companies that divert water are trying to eliminate or modify these regulations in their best interest.

It is my understanding that rivers will be given classifications with "Class 4" designating rivers which are so heavily damaged as to have no hope for restoration. This designation would mean that some rivers may never have their streamflow protected.

One river that may fall into this category would be the Quinnipiac river. It would be a tragic loss to see this river and it's tributaries die as a result of this classification. To quote information I have recently read about the Quinnipiac river from Mr. Martin Mador (Quinnipiac River Watershed Assn. Director), "The Quinnipiac River has been recovering from pollution in recent years, bringing back fish and bald eagles, ospreys and other wildlife that eat fish. Low flows in summer and early fall harm fish and wildlife, and deprive paddlers of water for canoeing and kayaking." Why should we pass regulation that allows this to continue and possibly worsen?

I am asking you to please take action to prevent this from happening.

Thank you for your time,

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Donna L. Albanese-Funk